



Toward
health and stability
in Latin America

see overleaf





The spirit of the cooperative efforts of the United States of America and its sister nations to the south toward health and stability is epitomized in the language of the plaque, shown above, on the wall of the *Serviço Especial de Saúde Pública* hospital at Breves in the Amazon region of Brazil. The inscription under the initials M. E. S. (Ministry of Education and Health) reads:

*Special Services of Public Health
This building, symbol of the political understanding
of good neighbor, was constructed by the
governments of the United States of Brazil and
of the United States of America*

Over the past 11 years, such expressions of mutual understanding have been repeated many times in many countries of Latin America, commemorating the health activities developed jointly by our own Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the ministries of the other American Republics. Some of these activities were described in *Public Health Reports* for April 1952, pp. 351-357. Beginning on page 829 of this issue, excerpts from the Public Health Service's evaluation, requested by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, of the first 10 years of these international health undertakings are presented.

frontispiece . . .

In the upper photograph a visiting nurse is making her rounds among the families of La Paz, Bolivia. She was trained by and works for SCISP (*Servicio Cooperativo Interamericano de Salud Público*). At left, below, a nurse in a health center at Bogotá, Colombia, advises a mother and children on health maintenance. At right is a typical public fountain installation of a cooperative water supply project at Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti.

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